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1. A WEB server control method for use with a video data distributing system including a terminal device having a WEB browser and a function to display video data, a video server for distributing, in response to a distribution request from the terminal, video data via a network; and a WEB server for managing video server information including an address of the video server and information on identifiers of video data, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from the terminal for a display of a page; and

transferring to the terminal, when the page includes indication of a display of video data, a network address of a video server and information on identifiers of video data, the address and the information being used for distribution of video data from a video server as a predetermined distributing source of video data.

2. A WEB server control method for use with a video data distributing system including a terminal device having a WEB browser and a function to display video data, a video server for distributing, in response to a distribution request from the terminal, video data via a network; and a WEB server for managing video server information including an address of the video server and information on identifiers of video data, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from the terminal for a display of video data; and

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transferring a network address of a video server and information on identifiers of video data to the terminal, the address and the information being used for distribution of video data from a video server as a predetermined distributing source of video data.

3. A WEB server control method for use with a video data distributing system including a terminal device having a WEB browser and a function to display video data, a video server for distributing, in response to a distribution request from the terminal, video data via a network; and a WEB server for managing video server information including an address of the video server and information on identifiers of video data, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from the terminal for a display of video data; and

transferring a network address of a video server and information on identifiers of video data to the terminal together with a video data display program unit for displaying video data corresponding to the information on identifiers of video data, the address and the information being used for distribution of video data from a video server as a predetermined distributing source of video data.

4. A WEB server for use with a video data distributing system including a terminal device having a WEB browser and a function to display video data, a video server for distributing, in response to a distribution request from the terminal, video data via a network; and a

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WEB server for managing video server information including an address of the video server and information on identifiers of video data, comprising:

receiving means for receiving a request from the terminal for a display of a page; and

server information distributing means for transferring to the terminal, when the page includes indication of a display of video data, a network address of a video server and information on identifiers of video data, the address and the information being used for distribution of video data from a video server as a predetermined distributing source of video data.

5. A WEB server for use with a video data distributing system including a terminal device having a WEB browser and a function to display video data, a video server for distributing, in response to a distribution request from the terminal, video data via a network; and a WEB server for managing video server information including an address of the video server and information on identifiers of video data, comprising:

receiving means for receiving a request from the terminal for a display of video data; and

a server information distributing means for transferring a network address of a video server and information on identifiers of video data to the terminal, the address and the information being used for distribution of video data from a video server as a predetermined distributing source of video data.

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6. A WEB server for use with a video data distributing system including a terminal device having a WEB browser and a function to display video data, a video server for distributing, in response to a distribution request from the terminal, video data via a network; and a WEB server for managing video server information including an address of the video server and information on identifiers of video data, comprising:

receiving means for receiving a request from the terminal for a display of video data; and

server information distributing means for transferring a network address of a video server and information on identifiers of video data to the terminal together with a video data display program unit for displaying video data corresponding to the information on identifiers of video data, the address and the information being used for distribution of video data from a video server as a predetermined distributing source of video data.

7. A WEB server control program unit for controlling a WEB server in a video data distributing system including a terminal device having a WEB browser and a function to display video data, a video server for distributing, in response to a distribution request from the terminal, video data via a network; and a WEB server for managing video server information including an address of the video server and information on identifiers of video data, comprising the following steps of:

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receiving a request from the terminal for a display of a page; and

transferring to the terminal, when the page includes indication of a display of video data, a network address of a video server and information on identifiers of video data, the address and the information being used for distribution of video data from a video server as a predetermined distributing source of video data.

8. A WEB server control program unit for controlling a WEB server in a video data distributing system including a terminal device having a WEB browser and a function to display video data, a video server for distributing, in response to a distribution request from the terminal, video data via a network; and a WEB server for managing video server information including an address of the video server and information on identifiers of video data, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from the terminal for a display of video data; and

transferring a network address of a video server and information on identifiers of video data to the terminal, the address and the information being used for distribution of video data from a video server as a predetermined distributing source of video data.

9. A WEB server control program unit for controlling a WEB server in a video data distributing system including a terminal device having a WEB browser and a function to display video data, a video server for distributing, in

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response to a distribution request from the terminal, video data via a network; and a WEB server for managing video server information including an address of the video server and information on identifiers of video data, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from the terminal for a display of video data; and

transferring a network address of a video server and information on identifiers of video data to the terminal together with a video data display program unit for displaying video data corresponding to the information on identifiers of video data, the address and the information being used for distribution of video data from a video server as a predetermined distributing source of video data.

10. A computer-readable storage medium for storing therein a WEB server control program unit for controlling a WEB server in a video data distributing system including a terminal device having a WEB browser and a function to display video data, a video server for distributing, in response to a distribution request from the terminal, video data via a network; and a WEB server for managing video server information including an address of the video server and information on identifiers of video data, wherein the program unit includes the following steps of:

receiving a request from the terminal for a display of a page; and

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transferring to the terminal, when the page includes indication of a display of video data, a network address of a video server and information on identifiers of video data, the address and the information being used for distribution of video data from a video server as a predetermined distributing source of video data.

11. A computer-readable storage medium for storing therein a WEB server control program unit for controlling a WEB server in a video data distributing system including a terminal device having a WEB browser and a function to display video data, a video server for distributing, in response to a distribution request from the terminal, video data via a network; and a WEB server for managing video server information including an address of the video server and information on identifiers of video data, wherein the program unit includes the steps of:

receiving a request from the terminal for a display of video data; and

transferring a network address of a video server and information on identifiers of video data to the terminal, the address and the information being used for distribution of video data from a video server as a predetermined distributing source of video data.

12. A computer-readable storage medium for storing therein a WEB server control program unit for controlling a WEB server in a video data distributing system including a terminal device having a WEB browser and a function to display video data, a video server for distributing, in

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response to a distribution request from the terminal, video data via a network; and a WEB server for managing video server information including an address of the video server and information on identifiers of video data, wherein the program unit includes the steps of:

receiving a request from the terminal for a display of video data; and

transferring a network address of a video server and information on identifiers of video data to the terminal together with a video data display program unit for displaying video data corresponding to the information on identifiers of video data, the address and the information being used for distribution of video data from a video server as a predetermined distributing source of video data.

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